

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS  
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3168  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026**

**INTERNET ACCESS IN RURAL AREAS**

**3168. SHRI RAJEEV RAI:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that people's access to internet in rural areas of the country is very limited and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is formulating new plans/strategies to provide internet facility to the people in rural parts of the country at cheaper rates;
- (c) whether the Government has provided internet and wi-fi facilities to all the villages of the country for the benefit of the farmers to increase their knowledge about the agriculture sector and keep them informed about the new developments in the agriculture sector;
- (d) if so, the measures/action being taken by Government under this issue; and
- (e) if not, by when this target would be completed to provide internet and wi-fi facilities to all the villages across the country?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
(DR. PEMMASANI CHANDRA SEKHAR)**

(a) to (e) As of January 2026, out of 6,44,131 villages in the country (as per data of Registrar General of India), 6,35,146 villages are covered with mobile connectivity (2G/3G/4G) and 6,32,059 villages have 4G mobile connectivity.

Government is implementing various schemes under Digital Bharat Nidhi for expansion of internet facilities through installation of 4G mobile towers in the rural and remote areas of the country under 4G saturation project. In addition, BharatNet project is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity such as Wi-Fi Hotspots, Fibre to the Home (FTTH) connections etc. to all the Gram Panchayats (GPs) and villages on demand basis.

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